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STATEMENT UNDER CFR.1.56 and CFR 1.97(b)**

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Dear Sir:

**Re: United States Patent Application No. 10/706,925  
For: Apparatus for and Method of Forming Seals  
in Fuel Cells and Fuel Cell Stacks  
Filed: November 14, 2003  
Inventors: David Frank et al.**

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, and in recognition of the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, the applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement including a listing of patents and other publications of which the applicant is aware on form PTO/SB/08a. Copies of the references were either provided or were cited by the Examiner during the prosecution of the parent application. The Examiner is kindly referred to the parent cases for copies of the said references, in applicant's earlier application 09/854,362 filed May 15, 2001, as provided in 37 CFR 1/98(d)(1).

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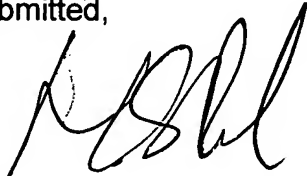
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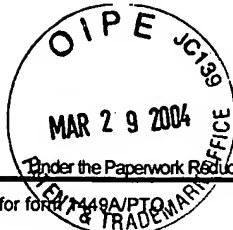
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Respectfully submitted,

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